

Foxland Road Gospel Hall Trust

**Report of the trustees and
unaudited financial statements
Year ended 5 April 2024**

Registered Charity Number 1177427

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Reference and administrative details For the year ended 5 April 2024

Charity name	Foxland Road Gospel Hall Trust
Charity Number	1177427
Trustees	Mark Chadwick Simon Beech - Chair Michael Shaw
Treasurer	Mark Chadwick
Principal address	11 Handforth Road Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 2LX
Bankers	HSBC 5 High Street Cheadle Cheshire SK8 1AY

Foxland Road Gospel Hall Trust

Report of the trustees For the year ended 5 April 2024

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 5 April 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 9 and comply with the Trust Deed and applicable law.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Foxland Road Gospel Hall Trust is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 7th November 1978, amended by various Deeds and most recently by Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014.

The Trust registered with the Charity Commission under Charity no. 1177427 on 5th March 2018

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year end are set out on page 1. None of the Trustees, nor any person connected with them, received any remuneration or expenses from the Charity in the year ended 5 April 2024 (2023: £nil).

Trustees are selected according to their experience in specialised fields and are expected to use that experience in furthering the objects of the Trust. Checks are made to ensure that there are no legal or other barriers to their appointment. New Trustees are nominated by the existing trustees and appointed by unanimous resolution of the Congregation. Incoming Trustees are made fully aware of their responsibilities by the existing Trustees who ensure that new Trustees read the Trust Deed and the relevant guidance for trustees published by the Charity Commission.

Wider network

The Trustees maintain informal links with Trustees of similar Trusts with a view to pooling experience considered useful in pursuing the objects of the Trust. The Charity also maintains particular links with The Manchester Gospel Hall Trust, with which it shares members of its congregation.

Risk management

The Trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and confirm that they have established systems or procedures to manage and mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The Trust has the following charitable purposes

1. The advancement of the Christian religion for the public benefit including by the carrying on of the service of God in accordance with the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible as followed by those Christians forming part of the world-wide fellowship known as the "Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (the "Brethren") whose core doctrine and whose proper practices in furtherance of some of the aspects of that core doctrine ("Faith in Practice") is summarised in the two Schedules to the New Trust Deed which is contained in the Second Schedule to the Deed of Variation dated 12th August 2014
2. Any other charitable purposes connected with Brethren

Main Activities

The Trust provides and maintains gospel halls for the religious activities of Christians often referred to as 'Brethren'. Details of the origins, teachings and way of life of the Brethren can be found on their website - www.plymouthbrethrenchristianchurch.org.

Meetings held at these gospel halls include the Lord's Supper (Communion), Gospel preachings, Bible readings and Bible addresses. Depending on the particular meeting, between 40 and 120 people normally attend these occasions. There is a structured weekly schedule of meetings held in one or more of the gospel halls

Spreading the Gospel Message

The Gospel Hall is a base from which a large number of preachers operate to spread the Christian gospel, in word and deed. Gospel tracts are provided free of charge by the Trust to such preachers. Many of them also preach the Christian gospel on the streets of Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle and Stockport town centre and Manchester City most weeks of the year.

In addition to street preaching, the trust also keeps in contact with prison chaplains to provide gospel tracts and bibles as required. The trust also operates a programme of providing regular packs of nutritious food and gospel literature to homeless and needy persons through local charities or homeless societies.

Visitors

The services and meetings are attended by the regular congregation and many of the services are open to other visitors who are properly disposed. The notice board outside the Hall welcomes visitors and displays times of Gospel Preachings along with a telephone number for those seeking further information or help. Gospel Tracts, which are distributed daily, also display this information.

Bibles and an extensive range of other Christian reading material is on display at the Hall, to which visitors are free to help themselves.

Public benefit

The trustees of Foxland Road Gospel Hall Trust confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance to charities on public benefit.

Objectives and activities

(continued)

The life of a Christian

The following points are an extract from Schedule 1 of the Trust Deed. They outline the way of life of the Brethren as supported by the Holy Scriptures and how it contributes to public benefit;

1. We seek and are encouraged to live exemplary lives in all our relationships with others in the wider community (including former Brethren), in accordance with the teachings of Holy Scripture (1 Tim 2:2)
2. We regularly go out from our homes to preach on the streets, to distribute Christian literature and engage with the wider community (including former Brethren) in order to present eternal salvation, available to all men by faith in Jesus Christ. (2 Tim 4:2).
3. We seek as members of the public to lead Christian lives as husbands and wives, parents, children, employers, employees and neighbours. (Col 3:22-25, Col 4:1).
4. The preservation and protection of the family unit is fundamental and children are prized as a blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3-5). The elderly are valued members of the community, for whom both their family and the wider community are expected to care.
5. Holy Scripture commands us to be good neighbours to others, and deal with all other people (including former Brethren) openly, honestly and fairly and consistent with these principles, we should give our time, talents and money to assist those in need in the wider community, in so far as reasonable given our abilities and our available resources. (Matt 7:12, Matt 22:39, Eph 4:28).

Funding

Funding is sought through gifts and donations from the congregation. Grants are sometimes received from other charitable trusts with congruent objectives. Gift aid is also claimed on relevant gifts.

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

The normal activities of the Trust were maintained throughout the year. All of the Gospel Halls under the control of the Trust were used throughout the year to further its charitable objectives.

The congregation is kept regularly informed as to particular needs for funds, and other relevant matters.

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Report of the trustees (continued) For the year ended 5 April 2024

Financial review

Financial position

In the year ended 5 April 2024 the Trust did not have any surplus of incoming resources over resources expended.

Total voluntary income received this year was £38,453 compared to £7205 in the previous year.

All funds held were unrestricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments. The Trustees consider that no reserves policy is needed as expenditure is very minimal and infrequent. The Trustees aim to ensure that the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure, by raising a funds appeal.

Free reserves at the year end were £10.00 (2023: £10.00)

Report of the trustees (continued)
For the year ended 5 April 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

All transactions have been reviewed and approved by two trustees.

On behalf of the board:



Mark Chadwick
Trustee

Date: 21.11.2024

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Statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies:					
Collections		0	0	0	0
Contributions from the congregation		0	0	0	0
Gift Aid donations		0	0	0	0
Income tax refunds		0	0	0	0
Donated services	4	38,453	0	38,453	7,205
Payroll giving		0	0	0	0
Legacies		0	0	0	0
Investments					
Bank interest		0	0	0	0
Other					
Total		38,453	0	38,453	7,205
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities					
Running meeting rooms		38,453		38,453	7,205
Cost of donated services	4	0	0		
Total		38,453	0	38,453	7,205
Net income/(expenditure)					
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		0	0	0	0
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		108,010	0	38,453	108,010
Total funds carried forward		108,010	0	0	108,010

The notes on pages 9 - 13 form part of these financial statements. All of the above activities are classed as continuing and there are no gains and losses other than those included above.

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Balance sheet As at 5 April 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	108,000	108,000
Current assets			
Debtors:		0	0
Prepayments and accrued income		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		10	10
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:		0	0
Other creditors		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		0	0
Net current assets		10	10
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year:			
Loan			
Net assets		108,010	108,010
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		108,010	108,010
Restricted funds		0	0
Total unrestricted funds	7	108,010	108,010

The unaudited financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees of Foxland Road Gospel Hall Trust on 21st November 2024 and signed on their behalf by Mark Chadwick



Mark Chadwick
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 - 12 form part of these financial statements

**Detailed statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2024**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as amended on 2 February 2016 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations are recognised in the year in which there is entitlement and probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future year. Gift aid is added to the value of the donation to which it relates.

Donated services are recognised as income and expenditure in the financial statements when organisations or individuals offer their services and support pro bono. The value of these donated services to Foxland Road Gospel Hall Trust is considered to be equal to market value which would be paid were the service formally procured. This includes services paid for by other trusts.

Investment income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Charitable activities comprise those costs directly attributable to the fulfilment of the charitable objects.

1.4 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and costs related to statutory requirements.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings	0% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% straight line

1.6 Taxation

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The Trust is a charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income or corporation tax on charitable activities, provided income falls within the charitable exemptions and is spent on charitable purposes.

1.7 Funds

The general unrestricted fund is free for the Trustees to use for any purposes in furtherance of the trust's charitable objects.

Restricted funds arise from donations to the trust, which are made for a specific purpose. Restricted funds can only be used for the purpose for which funds were given.

1.8 Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Received from:

2 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits from an employment with the charity and no Trustees were reimbursed for expenses (2023: None).

3 Wages and salaries

There are no employees (2023: none).

4 Donated services

	2024 £	2023 £
Manchester Gospel Hall Trust	38,453	7,205

6. Resources expended

	Meeting rooms £	Other charitable activities £	2024 £	2023 £
Direct Costs	38,453	0	38,453	7,205
	38,453	0	38,453	7,205

7. Tangible fixed assets

Title No.s GM198467, GM244695, GM443031

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**Detailed statement of financial activities
For the year ended 5 April 2024**

	Freehold Property and Refurbishment	Temporary buildings buildings	Furniture, fixtures & fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost	108,000	0	0	108,000
Brought forward at 6 April 2022	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2023	108,000	0	0	108,000
Depreciation	0	0	0	0
Brought forward at 6 April 2023	0	0	0	0
Charge for the year	0	0	0	0
Impairment	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0
At 5 April 2024	0	0	0	0
Net book value At 5 April 2024	108,000	0	0	108,000
At 5 April 2023	108,000	0	0	0

8. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	108,000	0	108,000
Current assets	10	0	10
Current liabilities	0	0	0
Total funds	108,010	0	108,010

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Detailed statement of financial activities For the year ended 5 April 2024

9. Movement in funds

9.1 Current year

	Balance at 6 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	108,010	38,453	38,453	0	108,010
Total funds	108,010	38,453	38,453	0	108,010

9.2 Prior year

	Balance at 6 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Realised/ unrealised gains and losses	Balance at 5 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	0	0	0	0	0
Unrestricted funds	108,010	7,205	7,205	0	108,010
Total funds	108,010	7,205	7,205	0	108,010

10 Transactions with related parties

There are no related party disclosures in this reporting period

11 Volunteers

Foxland Road Gospel Hall Trust relies entirely on volunteers to carry out the management, administration and general maintenance work. The Trust has no paid staff or paid Trustees